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 APPLYING AN ELASTIC MEMBER

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Claims As Amended

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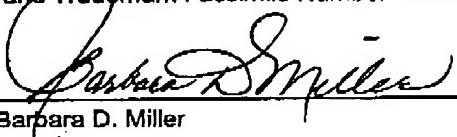
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Amendment A

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are submitted. This Amendment is timely because it is being submitted on the next succeeding day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a). Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.